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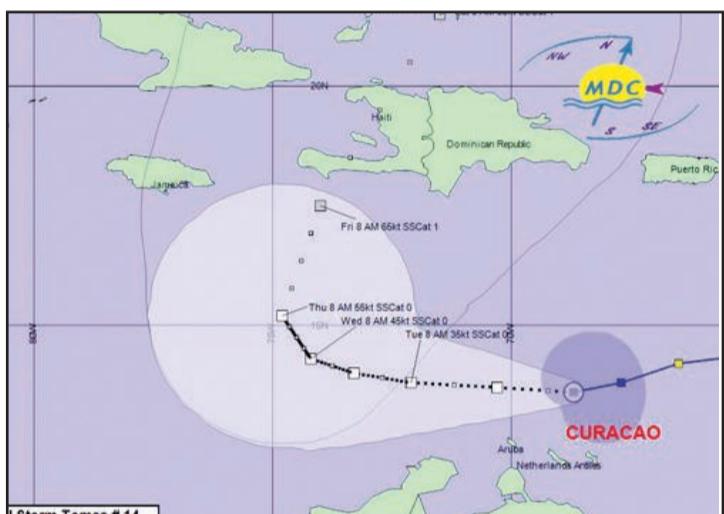
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Tropical Storm Tomas could
re-intensify into hurricane



MIAMI, Florida -- A weakened Tropical Storm Tomas could re-intensify into a rare November hurricane, the National Hurricane Center said yesterday.

Tomas, now a minor Tropical Strom, is currently north of the islands of Aruba and Curaçao and is moving in west-southwesterly direction. Based on radar information, cloudiness and thundershower activity will persist through this morning with brief periods of low or no activity. Total rainfall amounts could reach locally 50 to 80 mm during this period.

No coastal watches or warnings were in effect associated with Tomas, according to the Miami, Florida-based Hurricane Center. The storm is expected to continue westward over the next day or two and slow down.

Obama's Democrats brace for US elections rout

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US President Barack Obama's Democrats are bracing for an elections rout, as a wave of 11th-hour polls showed Republicans on course for big gains in Congress amid deep voter anger at the sour economy.

Obama, fearing a ballot-box repudiation just two years into his campaign for change, planned a wave of radio inter-

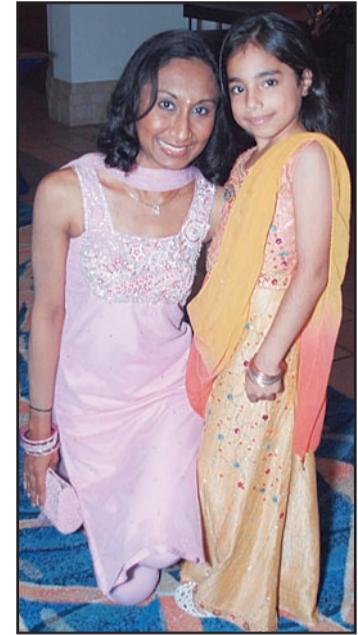
views and telephone calls to Democratic volunteers key to boosting party turnout today, the White House said.

Feeding Democratic worries, the respected Gallup polling organization's final pre-vote survey of likely voters nationwide found Republicans held the most commanding mid-term lead either US party has held in a generation

Aruba's East Indian Community celebrates Diwali at the Hyatt Regency Resort



Indian Association of Aruba President Prakash Gupta, wife Niti and children



Aruba's two Kirti's



Lighting the candles and honoring Ganesh



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Priests among 46 Christians killed in Iraq hostage drama

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AFP) - Grieving Catholics in Baghdad marked All Saints Day in mourning yesterday for 46 Christians killed during a hostage drama with Al-Qaeda gunmen that ended in an assault by Iraqi forces backed by US troops.

Throughout the day mourners were seen carrying coffins out of the church and loading them onto vehicles for transfer to the mortuary. Most of the victims were to be buried today.

The rescue drama on Sunday night, two months after US forces formally concluded combat operations in Iraq, ended with two priests among at least 46 slain worshippers.

"It was carnage," said Monsignor Pius Kasha, whose Syriac Catholic church was targeted by the militants. Witnesses said the assailants were armed with automatic rifles

and suicide belts.

"There were less than 80 people inside the church, and only 10 to 12 escaped unhurt," Kasha said, adding that two priests were among the dead and that 25 worshippers were wounded. One priest was shot in the kidney.

An interior ministry official said 46 worshippers were killed and 60 wounded. He said more than 100 people were inside the church at the time of the attack. Seven security members also died, the official said, adding that five attackers were killed.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki condemned the "cowardly crime," blaming it on "Al-Qaeda and remnants of the former regime seeking to destabilise Iraq, revive confessional differences and spur Iraqis to flee their country."

Iraqi officials said that at least one of the gunmen had

blown himself up with a suicide belt as police made a first attempt to enter the church.

Traces of flesh, blood, bullet marks and shattered glass littered the cathedral, said an AFP journalist who went to the scene in Baghdad's central Karrada district.

The SITE monitoring group said the Islamic State of Iraq, the local Al-Qaeda front organisation, had claimed the attack and had given Egypt's Coptic church a 48-hour deadline to release women it said were being held captive.

SITE said the threat came amid calls by jihadists and Al-Qaeda's media arm for Muslims to take action against the Coptic church over the alleged imprisonment of the two women, both wives of Coptic priests.

Egypt refused to react to the demands.

Yemen cracks down on cargo after parcel bomb plot uncovered

SANA'A, Yemen (AFP) - Yemen yesterday announced a crackdown on cargo shipments after two US-bound bomb parcels were sent from the country, as Washington dispatched security experts to help Sanaa screen air cargo.

US Transportation Security Administration chief John Pistole said the team of TSA agents will provide screening, training and equipment to examine cargo shipments at Sanaa airport.

Meanwhile the BBC reported that the source of the tip-off which led to the discovery of the parcel bombs was Jabr al-Faifi, a former Al-Qaeda member based in Yemen who turned himself in to Saudi authorities two weeks ago.

Faifi was a former Guantanamo detainee who was re-

turned to Saudi Arabia for rehabilitation in 2006 but later escaped to Yemen and rejoined Al-Qaeda.

An alleged Saudi bomb-maker, Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, has emerged as a key suspect in the failed package plot which has prompted several countries to tighten security for US-bound cargo and suspend shipments from Yemen.

Yemen's Saba news agency said that a committee for civil aviation security has decided "to implement exceptional security measures on all cargo leaving Yemeni airports to ensure the safety of civil aviation."

It has also decided to tighten general security at all Yemeni airports to counter "methods used by terror organisations," Saba said.

Dutch embassy escapes parcel bomb

ATHENS, Greece -- A parcel bomb addressed to the Dutch embassy in the Athens was intercepted yesterday at a postal company in the Greek capital, the foreign affairs ministry has confirmed

The bomb was found following the discovery of a parcel bomb addressed to the Mexican embassy, which exploded injuring a female mem-

ber of the postal company's staff, report several newspapers.

Two people have been arrested in connection with the bombs, one of whom wore a bullet-proof vest and carried a gun.

One of the suspects has links with an ultra-left terrorist group, according to the Greek newspaper Kathimerini.

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Raul Castro: Cuba will go off the cliff without reforms

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Cuban President Raul Castro is warning the communist nation will fall off the cliff if it doesn't implement economic reforms, including layoffs of half a million state workers over six months.

The government unveiled guidelines last month for free enterprise activities in 178 fields, as part of a plan to absorb workers to be laid off by March 2011 into a larger if still marginal private sector.

Reforms announced earlier will allow Cubans to operate a wide range of micro businesses -- accounting firms, massage parlors, park authorities, or even open small fruit and vegetable stores.

"To defend and explain the measures, the working class must be knowledgeable and

convinced of its importance for the survival of the (communist) revolution, otherwise we will go over the cliff," Castro told a workers' union.

Addressing some 200 delegates from the Confederation of Cuban Workers (CTC) and government officials, the 79-year-old president stressed "the need to be demanding" with leaders, to "banish the pernicious tendency of some to hide flaws" and the "urgency to learn from mistakes."

Castro confirmed his government's confidence in the labor movement, which he identified as the "protagonist of Cuba's updated economic model," according to a report on the meeting published in the official newspaper Granma and the CTC's Trabajadores weekly.

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WEB Aruba N.V. revizing all its water tanks.

Now is the turn of the tank at Savaneta

BALASHI – Aruba's water and energy company, WEB Aruba N.V., is revising all its water distribution tanks on Aruba. The Water Distribution Department is actualizing the information data of the water tanks and resorted to inspect all the five (5) tanks to determine their condition, interior and exterior. This enables the department to make a priority list of all maintenance work for the near future. The internal inspection of the tanks encloses cleaning and disinfecting the tanks, during which the tanks are open and vulnerable to outside influences.

This time is it the turn of the

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'Hopus' Ipad application introduced at Fundacion Autismo Aruba



Recently, Liliana Braamskamp spent the morning at the Fundacion Autismo Aruba (FAA) – Aruba's autism foundation, delighting a group of children with the "Hopus Ipad application. 'Hopus' is a children's book written by Mrs. Braamskamp, based on her own experiences with her child who is autistic.

The book was transformed into a very attractive Ipad application for children and consists of different activities in a game style for the children to learn from, with the help of the 'Hopus' character.

Mrs. Braamskamp read from her book to the children and after they all had a chance to play the games on the Ipad.

Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, after signing the pension agreement for SABA employees:

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ORANJESTAD – There is nothing better than an employee who is happy and satisfied at their job. This promotes efficiency and better care. "I am convinced, that with this agreement the exemplary employees will continue giving the best care to our clients," says Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar after signing the pension agreement with SABA employees.

SABA is the foundation that manages the homes for senior citizens on Aruba: San Pedro de Verona, Pavloen, Maris Stella and the Center for senior citizens in San Nicolas.



The employees of these homes give loving care and attention to our senior citizens every day. Now they can work more relaxed, with the knowledge that their pension plan is completely fixed now thru the government's pension.

The latest preliminary data compiled by CBS shows an drastic increase of the aging population, much faster than expected. This brings along the

need for more room for senior citizens. Reason why the government is doing its utmost to increase the housing opportunity for senior citizens and get more employees to take care of our clients. All this is part of the Cabinet Eman management.

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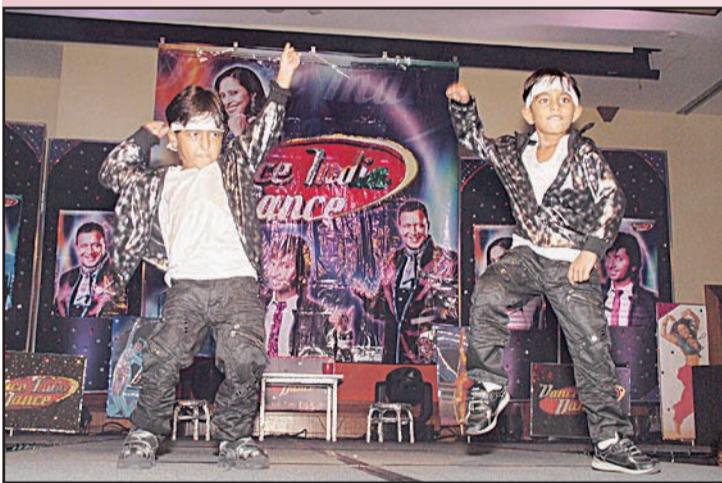
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Aruba's East Indian Community celebrates Diwali at the Hyatt Regency Resort

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The Hindu New Year means a grand gathering of Aruba's extensive East Indian community for Diwali "The Festival of Lights," where they revel and maintain their native culture

and traditions. The women of the community look forward to dressing themselves and their daughters in the most stunning sari's, resembling an array of blossoms of brilliant hues.

Men will be in elegant western suits or classic Indian garb and it is a joyous event acknowledging their traditions while celebrating and showcasing their future: the children. Each year, the youngsters of the community intensively train to present an exuberant dance program often based on their favorite Bollywood production



numbers. This year, the theme was "Dance India Dance," an extremely popular program from their home country where talented dancers from the populace compete for stardom.

The newly elected president of the Indian Association of Aruba, Prakash Gupta, welcomed all to their Diwali celebration, taking a moment to introduce and officially induct the new board and a committee dedicated to seeing an Indian community center completed over the next three years.

Festivities officially begin with lighting a candle to benevolent Ganesh, revered as the Remover of Obstacles and more generally as Lord of Beginnings, as well as a deity of wisdom and a patron of the arts and sciences. A wish for hap-

New Board of the Indian Association of Aruba

piness and prosperity in the New Year is extended to all.

Then the fun begins as youngsters take to the stage to perform rousing dances, choreographed by Meghna Thani, Niti Gupta and Aparna Gupta. Even the tiniest members of the community, both boys and girls, demonstrate their complete rapture in dancing for their elders, who exhibit enormous pride and enjoyment of their talents, encouraging them enthusiastically. During the intermission the celebrants enjoyed a fabulous buffet of



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Edwin Kock commemorates 40 years of service with the government Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar congratulates him for his discipline and loyalty

Recently, Minister of Social Affairs, Economic Affairs, and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, invited Mr. Edwin Kock and his wife Mrs. Mayra Kock to thank and congratulate Mr. Kock for his 40 years of loyal service to the government. At present, the jubilee works at the Scol di Musica Rufo Wever.

Mr. Kock is a well-known person in our community,

while Mrs. Kock is known as musical leader of the famous choir Coro Ars Nova. Together they produce quality concerts entertaining the general public. They also gave presentations abroad for huge crowds

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar interchanged ideas with the couple and spoke about 'Tocar y Luchar,' (Play music and Struggle).

This project was already

brought to the Minister's attention by Mr. Edwin Kock in the past. Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar assured Mr. Kock to continue working on the project.

Afterwards Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar handed the customary envelope to Mr. Kock and thanked him for his contribution to the wellbeing of our children, youngsters and everybody else in our community.



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Logitech unveils wireless Solar Keyboard K750



Logitech has unveiled its latest innovation in computer peripherals, the Wireless Solar Keyboard K750.

Integrated solar panels sit on the top of the keyboard allowing users to power the K750 inside the office and out—no batteries necessary. Logitech even claims that after the keyboard is fully-charged the K750 can last for three months even in total darkness.

Its profile is nearly one-third of an inch thick with a mostly all-black design, save

for the sleek white frame. The keys are in the chiclet style, but have that traditional, comfort curve feel. The layout design is very similar to that of the MK700. The K750 has an on/off switch to help conserve power when you're away and an indicator to notify you when the charge is getting low.

It comes with Logitech's Unifying Receiver, a thumbnail USB device that allows you to wirelessly connect (2.4GHz) your keyboard.

However, the receiver has a special feature that allows you to sync up to six Logitech peripherals to one USB. Other features include a solar power app that can be downloaded starting November 15, allowing users to install a lux meter that measures ambient light and battery levels for your keyboard.

The Logitech K750 keyboard is currently available for pre-order for \$79.99, and will start shipping later this month.

Natural gas the future of energy: Qatar energy minister

SINGAPORE (AFP) – Natural gas will become more "desirable" than other energy sources including renewables, nuclear and fossil fuels, Qatar's energy minister said Monday.

Speaking at an international energy forum in Singapore, Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah said he was confident that global natural gas adoption would accelerate, mainly for price and environmental reasons.

"I'm certain... that natural gas will continue to gain further momentum as a clean and secure source of energy," he said.

"Coupled with the environmental regulations and

emission reduction policies, this much cleaner fuel is becoming the most desirable source of energy for large-scale electricity generation worldwide."

He said coal and oil use were unviable due to their detrimental environmental effects, while biofuels' main disadvantages included high food crop prices, copious land use and excessive water usage.

Nuclear power, while seen as clean, emits carbon dioxide and generates radioactive waste that has to be disposed of safely and properly.

Renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and hydro power are "environmentally-promising" but remain too

expensive, the minister said.

"Major technological breakthroughs across the renewable energy production chain are needed in order to economically tap these sources of energy," he added.

Qatar, which boasts the world's third largest natural gas reserves, is starting to see more demand from Asia, the Qatari minister said.

"We start to divert more cargoes to Asia.... We are discussing for another seven million tons extra to China and another four to five million to India," he said.

The emirate is also expanding its natural gas business in the Gulf region, he said.

"Believe it or not we succeeded to establish (an) energy market in the Gulf. If you told somebody few years ago, he would tell you this is a joke," he said.

"Today we are contracted to supply Dubai next year, and also we are discussing with other potential consumers in the Gulf."

Qatar was also establishing natural gas markets in Canada and in Latin American countries such as Argentina, Chile and Mexico, he said.

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In just seven months, Chavez has become the most popular tweeter in Venezuela, amassing 1,002,300 followers and counting as of 1845 GMT Monday.

Faced with a barrage of correspondence, the president has had to open a special department to read and respond to his Twitter messages, many of them asking him for work or housing.

To his critics, Chavez's popularity on Twitter simply shows his desire to control Venezuela's media and silence opposition voices.

Remote HD update offers new features, graphics

Remote HD, an app that turns any iOS device into a remote for Macs, PCs, and first-generation Apple TVs, has been updated with new graphics and new features.

The app from Applied Dynamic works like an Apple Remote, letting users operate iTunes and other media software from the comfort of the

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Health & Living**Alcohol more harmful than heroin, crack cocaine**

LONDON (AFP) — Alcohol is more harmful than illegal drugs like heroin and crack cocaine, a new study by British researchers said Monday.

Scientists looked at the dangers to both the individual and to wider society and found that alcohol was the most dangerous substance, according to the study by the Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs (ISCD).

The results fly in the face of long-held opinions about which drugs pose the greatest dangers, with the authors claiming they demonstrate "the present drug classification systems have little relation to the evidence of harm."

"They also accord with the conclusions of previous expert reports that aggressively targeting alcohol... is a valid and necessary public health strategy," said the authors.

Drug experts on the committee devised their own system to judge substances and believe their consensus provides a valuable assessment which could guide policy-

makers.

The research, published in medical journal The Lancet, looked at the how much a drug harms the human body as well as other factors such as what its use costs the health care and prison systems.

Heroin, crack cocaine and methamphetamine -- or crystal meth -- were found to be the most deadly. But when the wider social effects were factored in, alcohol was the most dangerous, followed by heroin and crack cocaine, said the study.

Substances were given a mark from zero to 100 based on certain criteria, with alcohol scoring 72 overall followed by 55 for heroin and 54 for crack.

One of the study's authors was David Nutt, a former British government drugs adviser during the previous Labour administration.

He was sacked after a disagreement with the government over the decision to upgrade the classification of cannabis.

Cell-destroying protein to boost cancer fight: scientists

SYDNEY (AFP) — Australian and British scientists have uncovered a "death" protein that destroys rogue cells in what could be breakthrough for the fight against cancer, malaria and diabetes, researchers said Monday.

The protein, perforin, targets wayward cells and punches a hole in their membranes to let in killer enzymes, project leader James Whisstock said, adding the discovery "answers a really fundamental mystery of immunity".

"It breaks into cells that have been hijacked by viruses or turned into cancer cells and allows toxic enzymes in, to destroy the cell from within," he said. "Without it, our immune system can't destroy these cells."

High-powered microscopes in Australia and at London's Birkbeck College had allowed scientists to examine perforin's structure and function, Whisstock said, revealing a "powerful molecule" that targets malignant or infected cells.

Without perforin -- re-

leased by "killer" cells designed to destroy harmful invaders -- the body was unable to fight infections. Studies with mice had linked defective perforin to leukaemia and heightened cell malignancy.

The discovery also had implications for autoimmune

diseases such as juvenile type 1 diabetes and for transplant patients, with the protein linked to both the elimination of healthy cells and tissue rejection, added Whisstock.

"Now we know how it works, we can start to fine-tune it to fight cancer, malaria and diabetes," Whisstock said.

TIP: Running Errands With Your Kids

Going on even a quick errand can be a daunting prospect when you've got kids in tow.

The Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions to help keep fits, tears and whining in check:

- * Before you leave, chat with the kids about where you're going, what you need to do and how long you'll be gone.

- * Set rules about behavior before you go, including safety

- * Provide your children with a simple toy or activity to help keep them occupied.

- * Involve the kids in your activities, such as asking for their help in finding items, or keeping a count of what you've picked up.

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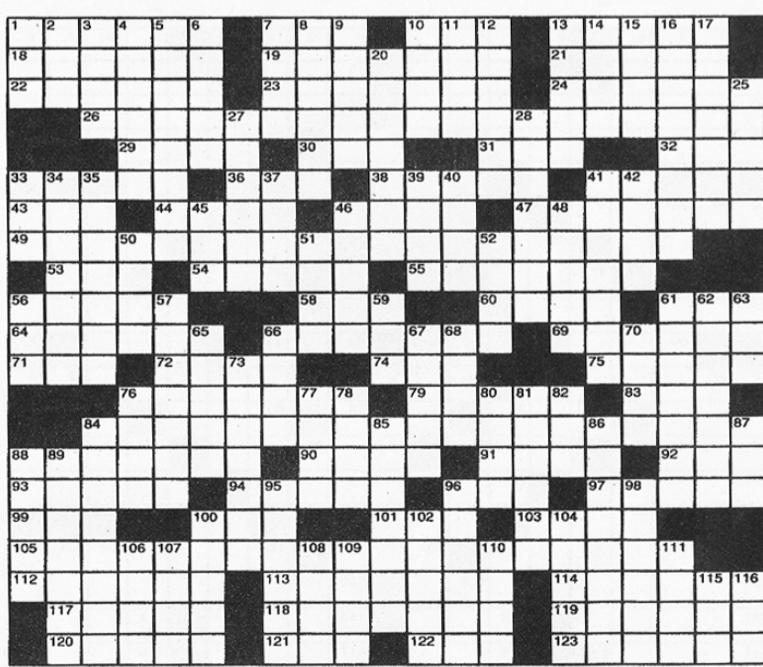
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7. Wood sorrel
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21. Decree
22. Come to an end
23. Craftsman
24. Kiss
26. Start of a comment by Agatha Christie
29. Chemical compound
30. She reigned in Spain
31. Sgt., for one
32. Title for Hillary
33. School panel
36. Strauss's "Heldenleben"
38. Kind of lily
41. Ready for battle
43. Spring mo.
44. Bellicose god
46. "Able was I saw..."
47. Amount owed
49. Comment, Part II
53. Sandpiper
54. Domain
55. Amble
56. Chair expert
58. Drop bait lightly
60. Town in France
61. Rove
64. Flower part
66. Comment, Part III
69. Great White Way
71. Aviv
72. Spore-sac clusters
74. Peruvian port
75. Fugard's "A Lesson from ___"
76. Under
79. Detonation
83. City north of Rio
84. Comment, Part V
88. Stray
90. Steak order
91. Pitcher Hershiser
92. Part of RSVP
93. Signs
94. False wing of a bird
96. Reducing spot
97. Anthony and Barbara
99. Teutonic: abbr.
100. 1501, to Cato
101. Baby food
103. Hit the bottle
105. End of comment
112. Drew forth
113. Recruit
114. Cavorts
117. Jagged
118. Buchanan's successor
119. Lack of strength
120. Letter from Greece
121. Make do
122. Concorde
123. Robust

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1. Sault _____ Marie
2. Hope's "Have _____ Will Travel"
3. Lyre's kin, in La Spezia
4. Carl or Fritz
5. Lanai
6. Start of an ano
7. Colorful fish
8. Lurch
9. Bruckner
10. Fair
11. Limp as _____
12. Tooth
13. Spaghetti topping
14. African gazelle
15. Spanish streams
16. Highlander
17. More ready to go
20. Spread out
25. Range groups
27. John of "Fawlty Towers"
28. Very thin
33. Title of Ali Muhammad of Shiraz
34. Use a lancet
35. Storehouse
37. Russian log hut
39. Cleo's maid
40. Ms. Rowlands
41. Erevan's land
42. Admiral type
45. Capek title
46. American painter Henry (1801-46)
48. Helicopter mechanism
50. Abound
51. Hawkeye's portrayer
52. Kind of log
56. Chicago hour, briefly
57. Mignonettes
59. Key letter
61. Spherical
62. "A smile on her lips, and _____ her eye" (Scott)
63. John _____ Passos
65. Music for nine
66. Cos., in Madrid
67. "The Zoo Story" playwright
68. Electrical unit
70. Astringent
73. Studies anew
76. Russian pancake
77. Via, shortly
78. Mend
80. Soaking wet
81. Low-lying clouds
82. Comment, Part IV
84. Opera opener
85. Vivid
86. Babar, for one
87. They loop the Loop
88. Motherless calf
89. Made corrections in
95. Funny Rich
96. Pitchmen's lines
98. Less shallow
100. Greek sorceress
102. Port in ancient Turkey
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Finance**AIG to repay 36.7 billion dollars of US bailout**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Ailing insurer AIG is poised to repay 36.7 billion dollars in government bailout aid after floating its Asian unit AIA and selling another subsidiary, US officials said yesterday.

American International Group raised 20.5 billion dollars of cash in its initial public offering of pan-Asian insurer AIA Group last week, the Treasury Department said in an update on AIG's taxpayer-funded rescue.

In the sale of unit American Life Insurance Company (ALICO) to MetLife, Inc., AIG raised about 16.2 billion dollars, including about 7.2 billion dollars in cash.

"This approximately 36.7 billion dollars in aggregate proceeds will be used to fully repay the loan extended to AIG by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY) and a substantial amount of the FRBNY's preferred interests in certain AIG subsidiaries," the department said.

As part of AIG's restructuring targeted by March 31, 2011, the insurer will draw up to 22 billion dollars in remaining Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) funds from the Treasury.

The money will be used to purchase the New York Fed's preferred interests in the special-purpose vehicles holding AIA and ALICO, and subsequently Treasury will receive those interests.

The Treasury said it would own 92.1 percent of AIG after the restructuring, a holding that would be much more valuable

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than its current cash investment.

The stake of 1.66 billion shares of common stock, based on Friday's closing share price, would be worth about 69.5 billion dollars, it said.

"This amount significantly exceeds Treasury's current 47.5 billion dollar cash investment in AIG," which is in addition to its investment in the preferred interests.

The US government expects to earn a profit on its loans to and investments in AIG after the restructuring, announced a month ago, is completed.

"The completion of the restructuring is subject to a number of conditions," the Treasury said.

"Nevertheless, the AIA IPO and sale of ALICO reflect the substantial progress that AIG and the USG (US government) have made to date in restructuring the company."

AIG, once the world's largest insurer, received more than 180 billion dollars from US taxpayers two years ago to help cover investments that disappeared amid the collapse of a US real-estate bubble.

"I would say we are in a very comfortable zone," he said in answer to a question after giving a keynote speech at an energy forum in Singapore.

"I believe this zone should continue for some time and I will not predict for how long. I hope it will be longer than most people think," said the minister, whose country is the biggest producer in the OPEC oil cartel.

Earnings before interest and tax (Ebit) declined 20.1 percent to 143 million euros.

TNT said its revenue for the quarter grew 11.4 percent to 2.7 billion euros, but this was "negatively impacted" by costs of 14 million euros mainly for separating the company's two core operations: post and express delivery.

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TNT's courier arm, Express, which operates in more than 200 countries, recorded growth of 9.8 percent in volume by weight and 14.7 percent in revenue to 1.7 billion euros.

"Good but not great," is how chief executive officer Peter Bakker described the results in a statement -- with "general recovery of activity levels held back by a difficult pricing environment," the statement said.

IMG Chief: Global crisis has cost 30 million jobs

AGADIR, Morocco (AFP) - The global crisis has cost 30 million jobs around the world, International Monetary Fund director general Dominique Strauss-Kahn said yesterday, opening a human development forum in Morocco.

Employment should be the priority of further globalisation, Strauss-Kahn added.

"The world has lost 30 million jobs because of the global crisis, and the expectations for the years to come are 400 million," Strauss-Kahn warned the International Forum on Human Development, taking place at Agadir in southern Morocco yesterday and today.

"In the framework of the new globalisation, the first pri-

ority is employment, the second priority is employment and the third priority is em-

ployment," he insisted.

More than 1,500 interna-

tional experts are taking part in

the forum, including the presi-

dent of the Islamic Develop-

ment Bank, Sheikh Ahmed

Mohamed Ali.

Oil prices in 'very comfortable zone,' says Saudi minister

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Current oil prices at above 80 dollars a barrel are within a "very comfortable zone" beneficial to producers, consumers and companies alike, Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Nuaimi said yesterday.

"I would say we are in a very comfortable zone," he said in answer to a question after giving a keynote speech at an energy forum in Singapore.

"I believe this zone should continue for some time and I will not predict for how long. I hope it will be longer than most people think," said the minister, whose country is the biggest producer in the OPEC oil cartel.

Oil prices were higher yes-

terday as the dollar slid and in-

vestors were cheered by data

showing that Chinese manu-

facturing activity hit a six-

month high in October.

New York's main contract,

light sweet crude for Decem-

ber, soared two dollars to

83.43 dollars per barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for

delivery in December jumped

1.89 dollars to 85.04 dollars a

barrel in London trade.

Dollar-denominated crude

becomes cheaper when the

greenback weakens, stimulat-

ing demand and pushing prices

higher.

"Producers, consumers and

After 84 years, Pontiac kicked to the curb

Photo shows the hood ornament of a 1967 Pontiac GTO. Pontiac, whose muscle cars drag-raced down boulevards, parked at drive-ins and roared across movie screens, went out of business Sunday. On Oct. 31, GM's agreements with Pontiac dealers expire. Even before GM's bankruptcy, Pontiac's sales had fallen from their peak of nearly one million in 1968, when the brand's speedier models were prized for their powerful engines and scowling grills. By the late 1980s, though, Pontiacs were taking off their muscle shirts, putting on suits and trying to act like other cars. The brand had lost its edge.

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There is a particularly lovely beach on Aruba with a gorgeous vista right near the airport, known always as Surfside; for some time now the building adjacent to it has gone through a string of owners seeking an appropriate identity for this special place, and it looks like it has finally

found it with the opening of the Nikky Beach Club Aruba. Our investigative team from THE MORNING NEWS went down to have a look at this latest venture, and we found just the kind of authentically tranquil, Caribbean ambiance vacationers seek when visiting Aruba. New owner Hans and

his GM Lub have completely renovated and redesigned the venue to fully showcase this charming location while providing a very reasonably priced menu and bar.

November is the month to get acquainted with Nikky Beach as they are offering an introductory dinner special of only \$15 for a three-course meal or a different Entrée de Jour each day of the week for only \$10. This is available from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m., so you can finish up an afternoon spent on the beach, catch a meal after a dive with the adjacent SCUBA shop, or savor your supper along with one of the most spectacular locations to watch our amazing Aruban sunsets.

Jan and Lub have dubbed Sunday's at Nikky Beach "Rehab Day," when they provide a particularly pleasant ambiance with popular local

and international DJ's from noon on and \$3 Mimosas all day long. During the traditional Happy Hour time slot, they feature live music with top local groups specializing in the soft sound of the islands.

Some extremely interesting items on the menu captured our interest along with very moderate prices; aside from the November special you can expect an a la carte tab that will add to your enjoyment. Their chef offers an extensive fusion selection that reveals expertise in several notable cuisines; a nice variety that will please everyone's mood. For lunch and snacking you find a varied choice of classic salads, favorite local treats, pastas and gourmet sandwiches. Kitchen is open from 10:00 am. to 10:00 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

One last interesting tidbit:

by Rosalie Klein



Lunch Box presentation talks about cancer with the Wilhelmina Kankerfonds at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club

Members of the extended La Cabana family were invited to a lunch box presentation in the conference room in which Lupina Croes of the Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation focused on disease with a special reference to Breast Cancer and the three pronged approach which includes self-examination, visits to the gynecologist and mammograms.

The session was interactive and interesting, and the colleagues learned that our knowledge of how cancer develops is expanding rapidly, however many aspects of the disease still remain a mystery.

The session also described the services provided by the



Cancer Fund, named after Queen Wilhelmina and suggested lifestyle changes, a healthy diet, and cautious use of selected antioxidants, exercise, and weight reduction

which can also help reduce the incidence of developing cancer.

The session concluded that to date, the most important strategy in improving survival



is screening and early detection.

La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club also introduced an original fund raiser, offering all associate who wanted to con-

tribute Awg. 5 to the Cancer Foundation, the privilege of wearing Jeans to work, and receiving a pink ribbon, says Tessely Koolman, Director of Human Resources.

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Brazil elects first female president

BRASILIA, Brazil (AFP) — Dilma Rousseff celebrated victory yesterday after she was elected Brazil's first female president and vowed to uphold the legacy of her predecessor and mentor, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Rousseff, who served as Lula's cabinet chief before he hand-picked her to succeed him in the run-off, choked back emotion as she expressed her gratitude in a victory speech in Brasilia.

"The happiness I feel today for my win is mixed with sadness for his departure," she said Sunday.

"The task of succeeding him is difficult and challenging. But I know I will honor this legacy and extend his work," she said. "I will knock on his door often, and I know it will always be open."

Rousseff pledged to eradicate poverty at home, and lambasted the world's leading economies for devaluing their monies in a "currency war" that was threatening the exports of Brazil and other countries.

A 62-year-old economist by training and a career bureaucrat, Rousseff was virtually unknown to Brazilians before Lula thrust her into the spotlight alongside him this year.

Thanks to his support, she quickly became the favorite in



Dilma Rousseff

the race that pitted her against opposition rival Jose Serra, former state governor of Sao Paulo.

Although Lula's project to have her elected tottered in the October 3 first round, when she failed to win the expected majority needed to avert Sunday's run-off, it got back on track for the run-off.

Rousseff picked up 56 percent of the vote to Serra's 44 percent, according to an official tally of all ballots by the High Electoral Tribunal.

She will take charge of Latin America's biggest economy on January 1 next year, when Lula, 65, is required to step down, having completed the maximum two consecutive terms permitted by law.

China starts counting its huge population

BEIJING, China (AFP) — China yesterday kicked off its national census, with more than six million counters fanning out nationwide to tally the world's biggest population, estimated last year to be over 1.3 billion.

They will gather key data on everyone living and working in the country -- information that will paint a picture of China's unprecedented urbanisation and offer a new view of its controversial "one child" family planning policy.

Officials have acknowledged that the once-in-a-decade count will be a difficult

task due in part to the nation's huge migrant population, which is wary of giving away information that could land them in trouble with the law.

An estimated 211 million people make up China's "floating population" -- an army of labourers descending on cities and towns seeking work and a better life.

Besides making a shambles of China's strict "household registration system" that for decades has registered one person in one particular area, many migrant workers have also violated the "one child" policy.

To promote exercise and a healthy lifestyle

Huge crowd participates in 5th Ciclovia event



Last Saturday, the fifth Ciclovia event took place once again, this time at the Club Caquetio in Paradera. The event is the brainchild of Minister of Public Health and Sports, Richard Visser. Just as the first 4 Ciclovia events, this one attracted a huge crowd.

Ciclovia is an event that Minister Visser presented in his national health plan. The plan was approved by the

Council of Ministers, the Aruba Parliament and even by the Bi-partite meetings with the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles.

The idea of Ciclovia came forth from the Pan American Health Organization, PAHO, where, especially the Latin countries, opted to close off the roads to traffic to give the public the opportunity to walk without any disturbances.

From the very first moment this event was introduced, it received a great reception by the public. The first Ciclovia event was in San Nicolas, then in Noord, Dakota, Savaneta and now in Paradera. The last Ciclovia for this year is planned to take place at Eagle Beach.

A huge crowd participated in last Saturday's Ciclovia, which included sports teams, and health departments, among others. There was a bicycle competition and Pannabol. The public walked, even in the rain, promoting exercise, entertainment and special social moments with the whole family.

Minister Visser expressed his satisfaction with the event. His vision for next year is to every month organizing a Ciclovia with the support of the private sector. The Government will continue covering part of the activities and the organizing will stay in the hands of IDEFRE. Such a positive event, which promotes exercise and healthy living, no doubt can count with the support of the public and private sector.



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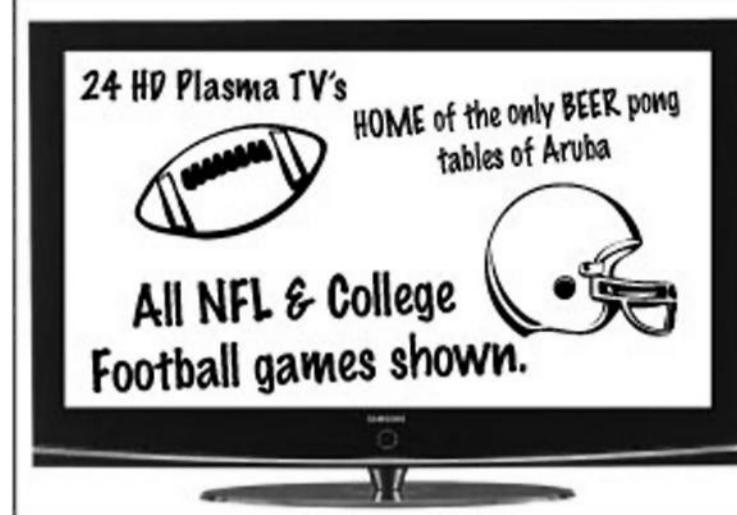
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New No 1 Westwood still wary of Woods

LONDON (AFP) - Lee Westwood was officially confirmed as the new world number one on Monday ending Tiger Woods's five-year long reign at the top.

But the 37-year-old Englishman, who moved marginally ahead of the American despite not playing last week as he had amassed more ranking points over the last two years, insisted any talk of Woods as a waning force was wrong.

"I've learnt never to write Tiger off," Westwood, the first European golfer to head the rankings since compatriot Nick Faldo in 1994, told the BBC.

Woods's seemingly well-ordered life was thrown into turmoil by revelations of an affair that led to the collapse of his marriage and a five-month break from the game he'd dominated.

The 14-times Major champion has yet to win a tournament since returning to competitive golf but Westwood believes Woods showed signs of returning to form in last month's Ryder Cup.

Woods, 34, won three

points from four matches including a final day thrashing of Francesco Molinari, although Europe still beat the United States at the Celtic Manor course in Wales.

Westwood's time at the top could be short-lived as any one of Woods, Martin Kaymer or Phil Mickelson -- who unlike Westwood have all won at least one of golf's four Majors -- could depose the new number one in the rankings when the quartet contest the WGC-HSBC Champions event in Shanghai this week.

Latest leading world rankings:

1. Lee Westwood (ENG) 8.29pts
2. Tiger Woods (USA) 8.13
3. Martin Kaymer (GER) 7.98
4. Phil Mickelson (USA) 7.83
5. Steve Stricker (USA) 7.20
6. Jim Furyk (USA) 7.09
7. Paul Casey (ENG) 6.14
8. Luke Donald (ENG) 5.70
9. Rory McIlroy (NIR) 5.44
10. Graeme McDowell (NIR) 5.43

Giants blank Texas to reach brink of Series title



Starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner of the San Francisco Giants pitches against the Texas Rangers in Game Four

ARLINGTON (AFP) - Madison Bumgarner, the youngest World Series starting pitcher in 29 years, hurled eight scoreless innings on Sunday to lead San Francisco past Texas 4-0 and to the brink of a World Series crown.

The 21-year-old US rookie southpaw struck out six and surrendered only three hits to Major League Baseball's top-hitting lineup, facing only three batters over the minimum as the Giants seized a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven final.

"I didn't expect this in my wildest dreams," Bumgarner said.

Aubrey Huff, from nearby Fort Worth, and Buster Posey hit home runs for the Giants, who can claim their first title since 1954, four years before the team moved from New York, by beating the host Rangers in game five on Monday.

Only six times in 105 prior World Series show-downs has a team rallied from 3-1 down to win the title.

"It's a good spot to be in,

no doubt," Huff said. "It's great, but this is the playoffs. Teams are capable of winning three straight. We've got to go out there and get to work, act like we're down 1-3."

At 91 days past his 21st birthday, Bumgarner was the fourth-youngest pitcher to win a World Series game, the youngest since Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.

"I can't say enough about what that kid did. A 21-year-old kid on that stage pitching like that, he had it all working," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

"He had great poise, composure, sense of belonging. He's a man. The way he has handled everything has been so impressive. He's a special talent and we are grateful we have him."

Bumgarner bewitched the Rangers on a Halloween night where former team owner and former US President George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

"We couldn't get anything mustered on him," Rangers

manager Ron Washington said. "He threw the ball well. He didn't throw one pitch at the same speed. He moved the ball around, kept the ball on the ground.

"You have got to tip your hat to that young kid. He did a great job."

The Giants, who also blanked Texas 9-0 in game two, became the first team since the 1966 Baltimore Orioles to shut out an opponent twice in the same World Series.

"We've got to figure out some ways to put some runs on the board against them," Washington said.

Bumgarner, whose first major league victory came last July, was the first rookie pitcher to start a World Series game since Japan's Daisuke Matsuzaka hurled a victory for Boston over Colorado in game three of the 2007 Series.

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Despite respect for Nets, James happy with Heat move

NEWARK, New Jersey (AFP) - The New Jersey Nets were first in line to try to woo LeBron James away from Cleveland, and the NBA's two-time Most Valuable Player said they made a good pitch.

James famously opted for Miami, where he joined

Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh to form an imposing trio.

While James said he doesn't regret his decision, he indicated on Sunday that "The Decision" - the heavily criticized hour-long television broadcast in which he announced his choice of new

team - may not have been the best way to go.

"If I had a do-over, I'd probably do it a little bit differently," James said.

One thing he wouldn't alter: his choice of team.

"I'm happy I'm in this uniform - but much respect to the Nets," James said.



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Federer flawless as opponent withdraws injured

BASEL (AFP) - Roger Federer made an imposing start on his hometown stage, with the top seed advancing unhindered into the second round of the Swiss Indoors on Monday when his opponent retired with an ankle injury.

World number two Federer was in total command against 48th-ranked Aleksandr Dolgopolov of the Ukraine leading 6-4, 5-2 and serving for the match.

But the youngster's tumble on the hardcourt as he pulled level at 15-15 by unsuccessfully trying for a Federer winner brought about an abrupt

end after 48 minutes as Dolgopolov hurt his right ankle.

Federer quietly accepted the applause from the public at the event where he got his start in the game as a ballboy, happy to leave with nine aces and three breaks of serve.

The three-time champion will await an opponent for the second round as Serb Janko Tipsarevic plays Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan.

Federer has a point to prove his week after Novak Djokovic, this year's second seed, defeated him in the 2009 final to end a run of three consecutive Basel titles.



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